

Paramedic, GED and ESOL programs on the LSSC South Lake and Sumter campuses. And, in the Fall of 2017, Lake Technical College opened the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to meet the growing need to prepare skilled technicians in machining, welding, fabrication, and other manufacturing careers.

Dr. Culpepper has been a dedicated servant to our community throughout her education career. She also volunteers on several boards including CareerSource Central Florida, the Manufacturing Association of Central Florida, Florida Leaders for Career and Technical Education, and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

It has been a personal honor to work with Dr. Culpepper. Her attitude of servant leadership and her dedication to quality education for Lake Tech's students has been a testimony to her personal modesty and humility.

I am honored to recognize Dr. Culpepper and thank her for her dedication and many contributions to the Central Florida community. Her commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in her footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to Dr. Diane Culpepper and her family on her retirement.

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE ANNE
"CATHY" GOVAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Cathy battled with breast cancer over the years but was in remission when she succumbed to complications due to Covid-19.

Beloved daughter of the late Edmund Joseph and Lorraine Govan.

Dear sister of the late Phillip Govan, Marge Govan, Michael (Gretchen) Govan, Anne (Dr. Soumi Eachempati) Govan Dickerson, Jim (Dorothy) Govan and Char (Brian) Bond.

A Cherished aunt of Phillip (Dr. Jamie Aprile) Gordon, Ellie (Jake and Reagan Rose) Berkey, Michael Govan, Brandon (Lezane) and Dawn Dickerson; Harrison, Carter and Gracen Govan; Kenneth, David and Alexis Bond.

Cathy was raised in Detroit and dedicated her later years to consulting Detroit mayors and serving as the executive director and founder of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation.

Donations can be made in Cathy's honor to the Detroit Public Safety Foundation.

Online condolences can be left at <http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com/>. A ceremony honoring Cathy's life will be organized this summer when COVID restrictions are eased. On behalf of the Govan family, we thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEEF 'N' BARREL RESTAURANT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Beef

'N' Barrel Restaurant in Olean, New York, and congratulate the owners, Jim, Mike, and PJ McAfee for reaching this milestone.

The Beef 'N' Barrel is a family-owned beef and steakhouse restaurant located at 146 North Union Street in the Olean area that has been celebrated for years. During our visits to this establishment, we have been impressed by the ownership and staff, as well as the quality of service and products they provide. For fifty years, the restaurant has kept its doors open and satisfied customers, whether they were area visitors or life-long residents.

The restaurant opened in May of 1965 under the ownership of Neil and Denis Goodemote but was later sold to Jim McAfee in 1971. The restaurant has expanded over the years, from seating for fifty patrons to room for over three hundred in its current location.

The McAfee family has operated the Beef 'N' Barrel with hard work, dedication, and great effort over the years. We congratulate them on their extraordinary efforts to keep this restaurant growing and thriving, providing a delicious meal to all who visit. Whether it be a daily special, item from the beef bar, burger or other specialty, the quality of food and service received is outstanding.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body join me to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Beef 'N' Barrel Restaurant in Olean, New York, and congratulate the owners, Jim, Mike, and PJ McAfee for reaching this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DOROTHY ANN MROWKA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life of the late Dorothy Ann Mrowka, of Colchester, Connecticut, who passed away at her home on April 29, 2021 at the age of 78. Known by everyone as Dot, her involvement in the civic and cultural communities of eastern Connecticut made her beloved by many.

Born in New London, CT on October 13, 1942, Dot spent her entire life in eastern Connecticut. Committed to education, she earned a Masters degree in Business Administration which lead to a successful career as a computer programmer at AETNA insurance. She moved to Colchester in 1973 and then married her beloved husband Lucien Mrowka a short time later. They were married for 38 years before he sadly predeceased her in 2012.

Truly, there is not an organization in Colchester that has not been touched by Dot. She was a devout parishioner at St. Andrews Church serving on the Ladies Guild and the First Friday Rosary Guild. Dot was an active member of both the St. Joseph's Polish Society and Colchester Grange No. 78. She was very involved with the Colchester Democratic Town Committee, and the Federation of Democratic Women. She was the recipient of the Ella Grasso award by Connecticut Democrats not once, but twice and selected to serve on the Democratic State Central Committee. Her service to the community did not stop there. Dot was a fierce defender of a free and

fair election and served Colchester residents as the Registrar of Voter for 25 years. Many happy marriages began with her proclamation of "I now pronounce you husband and wife" as she served as a Justice of the Peace. Her selfless service to her community is unparalleled.

I met Dot early in my career in Congress, and her friendship over the years has been invaluable. There are few in this district that knew their community as well as Dot did. She was a tireless campaign volunteer who never shied away from all the "nuts and bolts" of organizing a headquarters, leading phone banks, lit drops or election day logistics. The election eve "get out the vote" spaghetti supper at the Colchester Polish Club was a must stop for Democratic candidates at every level—including House Speaker NANCY PELOSI in 2006. The void her passing leaves is unmeasurable. I know her memory will continue through her family—her son Jeffrey Watson; her daughter, Tammy and her husband Ricky Keller; her brother Joseph Ploszaj; her sisters Peggy Fedus and Mary Lou Johnson, and her two beloved grandchildren Tyler Kelly and Taylor Watson.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as honorable and impactful as Dot. While we all mourn her loss, we can at least find solace that her story, memory, and purpose lives on in through countless others. I find it fitting that we, the People's House, add her name and character into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and ask that the entire House join me in recognizing the life of Dorothy Ann Mrowka, never forgetting the importance of building our connections with others.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC
OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on its 103rd anniversary of their annual Republic Day as well as its 30th anniversary of independence from the Soviet Union.

I do not want my good wishes to be seen as ignoring the issues currently going on between Azerbaijan and Armenia. I am putting my faith and confidence that the hostilities are resolved, and the appropriate borders will be restored. Independence for Azerbaijan is a time to reflect on the territorial sovereignty and right to independence for other nations as well, as liberty benefits everyone.

Azerbaijan is an important partner in the region. I find this year's occasion special because it marks 30 years since Soviet occupation. The Soviet Union and its ideas of communism subjected millions of people to authoritarian rule, stripping them of their natural, human rights. However, the people of Azerbaijan have successfully emerged from this dark period in history and continue to be a shining example of democracy and independence.

It's important that the people of the United States recognize the nations that emerge from authoritarian rule to contribute to the ever-growing push for liberty and self-governance. Azerbaijan, after being subject to centuries of